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ICE ARRESTS 6 FUGITIVE ALIENS LIVING IN SOUTH FLORIDA

Child predator caught as a result

MIAMI—A 43-year-old citizen of Honduras previously arrested for armed sexual battery against his four-year-old stepdaughter is one of six foreign nationals arrested here Sunday by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detention and removal officers targeting absconders.

Local police arrested Santo Gustavo Valle-Sosa in 1997 after physical evidence proved that he had raped his stepdaughter on multiple occasions.

Sosa entered the country without inspection in 1990. An immigration judge found him ineligible for any form of relief and ordered him removed on Oct. 15, 2004.

Sosa, who ignored the judge's order, has been on the run since then.

"ICE is committed to removing from our country criminals who prey on and abuse children," said Michael Rozos, ICE's field office director for detention and removal. "This monster has caused irreparable harm to his stepdaughter, but he will no longer be a threat to her or to others."

The foreign nationals arrested are from the following countries: Haiti, Honduras, Syria, and Colombia.

The fugitives arrested are in ICE custody at the Krome Detention Center and the Broward Transitional Center awaiting removal from the country.

ICE's National Fugitive Operation Program (NFOP) was established on Feb. 25, 2002, making the apprehension of absconders, or fugitives, a priority, within the Department of Homeland Security. The primary mission of NFOP is to identify, locate, apprehend, process, and remove fugitive aliens from the United States.

ICE's Miami detention and removal office, through its targeted enforcement efforts, has arrested over 277 criminal fugitive aliens since the beginning of fiscal year 05.

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U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement was established in March 2003 as the largest investigative arm of the Department of Homeland Security. ICE is comprised of five integrated divisions that form a 21st century law enforcement agency with broad responsibilities for a number of key homeland security priorities.